

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: T. ISHII et al  
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Group Art Unit: 2824  
Examiner: H. Nguyen  
For: NONVOLATILE MEMORY SYSTEM,  
SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY AND WRITING  
METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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October 9, 2003

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application  
as follows.